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Tand H. Churado 2-21-12
Signature(s) of Petitioner(s) Date
Typed or printed name(s) Registration Number, if applicable
8018 Quartz ave. 8189225507 Address Telephone Number Winnetka CA, 91306
Winnetka CA 91306 Address
ENCLOSURES: Maintenance Fee Payment Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition) Other:

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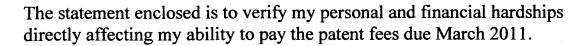
Application#

08/614,212

Patent Holder

Paul Corrado

To United States Patent Office Attn: Office of Petitions



Please accept my petition for reinstatement of the above patent I currently have registered. This submission is to ask for a fee waiver due to my financial hardships that left me with unavoidable delay in payment for my patent renewal.

In the last 2 years I was a victim of foreclosure fraud and was forced by eviction to leave my home in early 2009. I was faced with mounting legal fees and loss of possessions including income from the rental located on the property. As a result I lost thousands of dollars fighting to keep my home. Because of the extreme urgency of the situation I had to take time off work to move all my possessions in 3 days and consequently was fired from my job.

My plans to launch the sparkplug I currently have the patent for, was put on hold and I had to focus on just surviving day to day. The income I did receive from part time work/unemployment was barley enough to cover basic necessities.

I now have gainful employment and am working toward recovering my financial status. With your help I can continue to work towards success of my sparkplug business. Please take into consideration my request to accept the unintentional delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

Thank you,

Paul Corrado

Castaic, CA 91384
Patent Number: 5

5,731,655

Application Number: 08/614,212	
Expenses January 2009	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	\$1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	\$2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	\$200.00
California Edison	\$152.71
Home Depot	\$100.00
Juniper Credit Card	\$245.00
Gas Company	\$78.56
Postal Service PO Box	\$33.90
AT&T cell phone	\$60.00
Auto Club	\$155.00
First American Insurance	\$320.50
Newhall Water	\$46.49

Total Expenses:

\$5,021.27

Income January 2009	Amount
Rental Property	\$0.00
Freelance Work	\$0.00

Total Income:

\$0.00

Assets January 2009	Amount
Mutual Fund	\$1,021.98
Savings	\$1,276.00

Total Assets:

\$2,297.98

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of January 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE,

CHILD EXPENSES, etc. I lost rental income on rental home and was facing forclosure on my primary residence.

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Expenses February 2009	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	\$1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	\$2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	\$200.00
California Edison	\$161.72
Home Depot	\$100.00
Juniper Credit Card	\$245.00
Gas Company	\$74.82
Postal Service PO Box	\$33.90
AT&T cell phone	\$60.00
Auto Club	\$155.00
First American Insurance	\$320.50
Newhall Water	\$46.49

\$4,512.55 Total Expenses:

\$0.00 <u>Amount</u> Income February 2009 Rental Property Freelance Work

Total Income:

\$0.00

\$1,021.98 **Amount** Assets February 2009 Mutual Fund

Savings

\$2,297.98 Total Assets:

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of February 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE, CHILD EXPENSES, etc.

32616 N. Ridge Top Lane Paul A. Corrado

Castaic, CA 91384

Patent Number:

200.00 100.00 320.50 74.22 60.00 2,593.13 161.72 245.00 Amount Paid 08/614,212 5,731,655 Homecomings Financial Mortgage Expenses March 2009 AT&T phone DSL Internet First American Insurance Mortgage World Savings Application Number: Juniper Credit Card California Edison AT&T cell phone Gas Company Home Depot

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56.41

Newhall Water

2,500.00 **Amount** ₩ B ncome March 2009 Freelance Work Rental Property

4,500.00 €₽ Total Income:

400.00 81.24 **Amount** ₩ ₩ Assets March 2009 **Mutual Fund** Savings

481.24 Total Assets: This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of March 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE,

CHILD EXPENSES, etc.

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Total Expenses:

\$4,926.96

Income April 2009	Amount
Rental Property	\$0.00
Freelance Work	\$0.00

\$0.00 Total Income:

Amount	\$81.24	\$400.00
Assets April 2009	Mutual Fund	Savings

Total Assets:

\$481.24

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of April 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE, CHILD EXPENSES, etc.

Patent Number:

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Expenses May 2009	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	200.00
California Edison	146.37
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
Gas Company	44.16
AT&T cell phone	00.09
First American Insurance	320.50
Newhall Water	56.41

Total Expenses:

\$4,836.55

Income May 2009	Amount
Rental Property	\$0.00
Freelance Work	\$0.00

Total Income:

\$0.00

Assets May 2009	Amount
Mutual Fund	\$81.24
Savings	\$400.00

Total Assets:

\$481.24

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of May 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE, CHILD EXPENSES, etc.

Patent Number: Application Number:

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Expenses June 2009	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	200.00
California Edison	186.37
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
Gas Company	34.16
AT&T cell phone	00.09
First American Insurance	320.50
Newhall Water	66.41

Total Expenses: \$4,

\$4,876.55

Rental Property	שוויסמווי
	\$0.00
Freelance Work	\$0.00

Total Income: \$0.00

Assets June 2009	Amount
Mutual Fund	\$81.24
Savings	\$400.00

Total Assets:

\$481.24

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of June 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE, CHILD EXPENSES, etc.

Patent Number:

5.731.655

Patent Number: Application Number:	3,731,633 08/614,212	
Expenses July 2009		Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings		1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	fortgage	2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet		200.00
California Edison		189.67
Home Depot		100.00
Juniper Credit Card		200.00
Discover Credit Card		80.00
Gas Company		32.56
AT&T cell phone		00'09
First American Insurance		320.50
Newhall Water		EC 89

Total Expenses:

\$4,880.07

Income July 2009	Amount
Rental Property	\$0.00
Freelance Work	\$0.00

Total Income:

\$0.00

Assets July 2009	<u>Amount</u>
Mutual Fund	\$81.24
Savings	\$200.00

Total Assets:

\$281.24

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of July 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE, CHILD EXPENSES, etc.

Patent Number:

5,731,655 08/614,212 Application Number:

Expenses August 2009	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	200.00
California Edison	201.12
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
Gas Company	32.45
AT&T cell phone	00.09
First American Insurance	320.50
Newhall Water	56.00

Total Expenses:

\$4,879.18

Income September 2009	<u>Amount</u>
Rental Property	\$0.00
Freelance Work	\$0.00

\$0.00 Total Income:

Assets September 2009	<u>Amount</u>
Mutual Fund	\$81.24
Savings	\$150.00

Total Assets:

\$231.24

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of August 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE, CHILD EXPENSES, etc.

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Application Number:

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Expenses September 2009	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	200.00
California Edison	199.21
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
Gas Company	33.78
AT&T cell phone	00.09
First American Insurance	320.50
Newhall Water	70.43

Total Expenses:

\$4,893.03

Income September 2009	<u>Amount</u>
Rental Property	\$0.00
Freelance Work	\$0.00

\$0.00 Total Income:

Assets September 2009	Amonnt
Mutual Fund	\$81.24
Savings	\$150.00

Total Assets:

\$231.24

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of September 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE, CHILD EXPENSES, etc.

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Expenses October 2009	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	200.00
California Edison	179.20
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
Gas Company	43.88
AT&T cell phone	00.09
First American Insurance	320.50
Newhall Water	60.33

Total Expenses:

\$4,873.02

Income October 2009	<u>Amount</u>
Rental Property	\$500.00
Freelance Work	\$1,832.00

\$2,332.00 Total Income:

Assets October 2009	Amount
Mutual Fund	\$81.24
Savings	\$150.00

Total Assets:

\$231.24

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of October 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE, CHILD EXPENSES, etc.

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Expenses November 2009	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	200.00
California Edison	163.23
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
Gas Company	67.43
AT&T cell phone	00.09
First American Insurance	320.50
Newhall Water	59.39

Total Expenses:

\$4,879.66

Income November 2009	Amount
Rental Property	\$500.00
Freelance Work	\$1,832.00

Total Income:

\$2,332.00

\$81.24 Amount Assets November 2009 **Mutual Fund** Savings

Total Assets:

\$231.24

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of November 2009. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE, CHILD EXPENSES, etc.

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<u>Expenses December 2009</u>	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	200.00
California Edison	154.22
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
Gas Company	77.65
AT&T cell phone	60.00
First American Insurance	320.50
Newhali Water	55.21

Total Expenses:

\$4,876.69

Income December 2009	<u>Amount</u>
Rental Property	\$500.00
Freelance Work	\$1,832.00

\$2,332.00 Total Income:

pun	Assets December 2009	Amount
	Mutual Fund	\$81.24
	Savings	\$150.00

Total Assets:

\$231.24

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Expenses January 2010	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	200.00
California Edison	159.87
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
Gas Company	80.37
AT&T cell phone	00.09
First American Insurance	320.50
Newhall Water	39.59

Total Expenses:

\$4,869.44

Income January 2010	Amount
Rental Property	\$500.00
United Staffing	\$1,932.00

Total Income:

\$2,432.00

Assets January 2010	Amount
Mutual Fund	\$81.24
Savings	\$150.00

Total Assets:

\$231.24

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Expenses February 2010	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,035.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	2,593.13
AT&T phone DSL Internet	200.00
California Edison	170.23
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
Gas Company	72.13
AT&T cell phone	00.09
First American Insurance	103.56
Newhall Water	49.32

Total Expenses:

\$4,664.35

Income February 2010	<u>Amount</u>
Rental Property	\$500.00
United Staffing	\$1,932.00

Total Income:

\$2,432.00

Assets February 2010	Amount
Mutual Fund	\$81.24
Savings	\$150.00

Total Assets:

\$231.24

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Expenses March 2010	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,900.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	•
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
Gas Company	56.76
California Edison	145.78
Newhall Water	42.98
AT&T cell phone	00:09
Attorney Cost	7,500.00
Moving Expenses	4,550.00
Storage Fees (four units)	653.76

Total Expenses:

\$15,250.26

Income March 2010	Amount
Rental Property	\$500.00
United Staffing	\$1,932.00

Total Income:

\$2,432.00

Assets March 2010	<u>Amount</u>
Mutual Fund	\$81.24
Savings	\$0.00

Total Assets:

\$81.24

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Paul A. Corrado

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Winnetka, Ca 91306

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	Amount Paid
Mortgage World Savings	1,900.98
Homecomings Financial Mortgage	•
Home Depot	100.00
Juniper Credit Card	200.00
Discover Credit Card	80.00
AT&T cell phone	00.09
Storage Fees (four units)	553.76

Total Expenses:

\$2,954.74

Income April 2010	Amount
Rental Property	\$500.00
United Staffing	\$1,932.00

Total Income:

\$2,432.00

Assets April 2010	<u>Amount</u>
Mutual Fund	\$81.24
Savings	\$0.00

Total Assets:

\$81.24

This list shows all the general bills, income and assets for the month of April 2010. This does not include FOOD, GASOLINE, CHILD EXPENSES, etc.